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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Dr. Abdorasool Janati, M.D., age 58, and his wife, Forouzandeh Janati, age 57, of Great Falls, Virginia, operators of the Neurological Institute of Northern Virginia, were each sentenced today in United States District Court in Alexandria to 41 months incarceration for devising a scheme to defraud government and private health insurance plans between 1996 and 2003. Specifically, the Janatis inflated their invoices and billed for services not rendered. The defendants were also ordered to pay approximately \$500,000 in restitution to their victims.

“This is a case of unchecked greed resulting in a massive ripoff of the health care system. The Janati prosecution is a warning to all who are tempted to steal precious health care resources,” said Mr. McNulty.

Dr. Janati, a neurologist, was the primary physician at the Neurological Institute of Northern Virginia, with offices in Woodbridge and Alexandria. Mrs. Janati functioned as the office manager at the Institute. The Neurological Institute operated as a health care clinic and was engaged in the business of providing neurological testing and evaluations to patients.

Many of Dr. Janati’s patients came to see him for brief office visits. Dr. and Mrs. Janati, however, caused claims to be submitted to the patients’ insurance companies which falsely indicated that Dr. Janati conducted comprehensive office visits, during which a physician performs, among other things, a comprehensive medical examination and typically spends 40 minutes face-to-face with the patients.

In addition, the Janatis caused the submission of insurance claims which falsely indicated that certain neurological procedures had been performed on patients when, in fact, such tests had not been performed.

In furtherance of their scheme to defraud government and private insurance plans, the Janatis altered patient billing and medical records.

The case was investigated by the FBI, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, U.S. Postal Inspection Service Office of Inspector General, and the Office of Personnel Management Office of Inspector General. Assistant United States Attorneys Steve Linick and Tom McQuillan prosecuted the case for the United States.